IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

STEVEN FULTS and DEBORA S. FULTS, : **CIVIL ACTION**

H/W.

190 Griffin Lane

Manchester, PA 17345

TRIAL DEMANDED

BY JURY OF TWELVE v.

INTERDYNAMICS, INC. NO. 04 CV 1359

80-39th Street

Brooklyn, NY 11232

and

23 East Street, Suite 301

SEXTON CAN COMPANY, INC.

Cambridge, MA 02141

and

WAL-MART STORES, INC.

702 S.W. 8th Street

Bentonville, Arkansas 72716

ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES, & CROSSCLAIM OF DEFENDANT SEXTON CAN COMPANY, INC.

PARTIES

- 1. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 2. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 3. Admitted in part and denied in part. Sexton Can Company, Inc. is a Massachusetts corporation with its principal place of business at 23 East Street, Suite 301,

Cambridge, MA 02141. All other averments are denied, as after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph.

- 4. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 5. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

- 6. Admitted in part and denied in part. Answering defendant admits that it marketed and sold products in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in the County of Philadelphia on and before June 28, 2003. As to the remaining averments of this paragraph, after reasonable investigation, answering defendant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph, which are therefore denied.
- 7. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.

FACTS

8. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.

- 9. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 10. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 11. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 12. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 13. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 14. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that they are not, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.
- 15. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that they are not, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

DEFENDANTS' LIABILITY

16. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.

17. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that they are not, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

18. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that they are not, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

19. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that they are not, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

20. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that they are not, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

COUNT I PLAINTIFFS V. INTERDYNAMICS, INC. STRICT LIABILITY

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21. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.

22.-33. The allegations contained in these paragraphs are not directed to the answering defendant. Therefore, no response by answering defendant is required. By way of further response, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

COUNT II PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANT, INTERDYNAMICS NEGLIGENCE

34. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.

35.-45. The allegations contained in these paragraphs are not directed to the answering defendant. Therefore, no response by answering defendant is required. By way of further response, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

COUNT III PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANT, SEXTON CAN COMPANY, INC. STRICT LIABILITY

- 46. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.
- 47. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 48 (a-d). 59 Denied. To the extent that the averments of these paragraphs are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the averments of these paragraphs are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of these paragraphs. Therefore, such averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

COUNT IV PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANT, SEXTON NEGLIGENCE

- 60. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.
- 61. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph.

 Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 62 (a-d). Denied. To the extent that the averments of these paragraphs are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the averments of these

paragraphs are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of these paragraphs. Therefore, such averments are denied.

- 63–69. Denied. To the extent that the averments of these paragraphs are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the averments of these paragraphs are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of these paragraphs. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 70. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such averments are denied.
- 71. 73. Denied. To the extent that the averments of these paragraphs are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the averments of these paragraphs are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of these paragraphs. Therefore, such averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

COUNT V PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANT, WAL-MART NEGLIGENCE

74. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.

75.–76. Denied. The allegations contained in these paragraphs are not directed to the answering defendant. Therefore, no response by answering defendant is required. By way of further response, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

COUNT V PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANT, WAL-MART STRICT LIABILITY

77. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.

78. – 83. Denied. The allegations contained in these paragraphs are not directed to the answering defendant. Therefore, no response by answering defendant is required. By way of further response, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

COUNT VI
PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANT SEXTON
AND DEFENDANT INTERDYNAMICS
(NEGLIGENCE PER SE)

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- 84. Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.
- 85. Denied. To the extent that the allegations contained in these paragraphs are not directed to the answering defendant, no response by answering defendant is required. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied.
- 86 (a-h). Denied. To the extent that the allegations contained in these paragraphs are not directed to the answering defendant, no response by answering defendant is required. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the allegations contained in this paragraph are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.
- 87. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the allegations contained in this paragraph are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.
- 88. Denied. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that the allegations contained in this paragraph are deemed factual, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

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89. Denied. To the extent that the allegations contained in these paragraphs are not directed to the answering defendant, no response by answering defendant is required. To the extent that the averments of this paragraph are conclusions of law, said averments are denied. To the extent that they are directed to the answering defendant, after reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of this paragraph. Therefore, such factual averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

COUNT VII PLAINTIFFS V. DEFENDANTS LOSS OF CONSORTIUM

Answering Defendant incorporates by reference herein, all preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth at length.

90. - 91. Denied. After reasonable investigation, Sexton Can Company, Inc., is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the averments of these paragraphs. Therefore, such averments are denied.

WHEREFORE, defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor together with costs and attorneys' fees.

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The injuries and damages for which complaint is made were caused by a person or persons for whose conduct Sexton Can Company, Inc. is not legally responsible.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

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Any injuries and/or damages which may have been sustained by Plaintiffs were proximately caused by Mr. Fults' own negligence, and as such any damages that may be recoverable herein should be reduced or eliminated pursuant to the Pennsylvania Comparative Negligent Act, 41 Pa. C.S.A. § 7102.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Mr. Fults by his conduct, consciously and willingly assumed the risks associated therewith, and as such defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. has no liability.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The claims asserted against Sexton Can Company, Inc. are barred by the applicable statute of limitations, including but not limited to 42 Pa. C.S.A. § 5521 et seq. and 13 Pa. C.S.A. § 2725.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint herein fails to state a cause of action upon which relief can be granted.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If a product designed, manufactured or sold by Sexton Can Company, Inc. was involved in causing the injuries for which complaint is made (which is denied as more fully stated above), then said product was misused and/or abused by a person other than Sexton Can Company, Inc., and for whose conduct Sexton Can Company, Inc. is not responsible.

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SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If a product designed, manufactured or sold by defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. was involved in causing the injuries for which complaint is made (which is denied as more fully stated above), then said product at the time the injuries were sustained, was not in the same or similar condition as it was when sold by Sexton Can Company, Inc.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint herein fails to state a claim against Sexton Can Company, Inc. under Restatement of Torts (Second) § 402(a).

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

All claims of breach of warranty made against Sexton Can Company, Inc. are barred by the failure to give notice of such purported breach to Sexton Can Company, Inc. within a reasonable period of time after the alleged breach was discovered or should have been discovered. 13 Pa. C.S.A. § 2607.

WHEREFORE, Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment in its favor and against Plaintiff, plus costs and attorneys' fees.

<u>CROSSCLAIM AGAINST CO-DEFENDANTS INTERDYNAMICS, INC.</u> <u>AND WAL-MART STORES, INC.</u>

Sexton Can Company, Inc. asserts the following Crossclaim against Defendants Interdynamics, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

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1. Sexton Can Company, Inc. incorporates herein by reference, but without

adoption thereof, the allegations of Plaintiffs' Complaint insofar as they relate to Defendants

Interdynamics, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

2. If the incorporated allegations of Plaintiffs' Complaint are proven at trial,

then in that event Defendants Interdynamics, Inc. and/or Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. are jointly and

severally liable to the Plaintiffs.

3. If the incorporated allegations of Plaintiffs' Complaint are proven at trial,

then in that event, Sexton Can Company, Inc. is entitled to contribution and/or indemnity from

Defendants Interdynamics, Inc. and/or Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

WHEREFORE, Sexton Can Company, Inc. demands judgment that Defendants

Interdynamics, Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiffs or

jointly and severally liable over to Sexton Can Company, Inc. for contribution or indemnity

(including reasonable attorneys' fees) as to any amounts that may be recovered herein against

Sexton Can Company, Inc.

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Dated: April 19, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I served a true and correct copy of the Answer & Affirmative

Defenses & Cross-claim of Defendant Sexton Can Company, Inc. to Plaintiffs Steven Fults and

Debora S. Fults, H/W, by their attorneys and to Co-Defendants Interdynamics, Inc. and Wal-Mart

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Dated: April 19, 2004

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